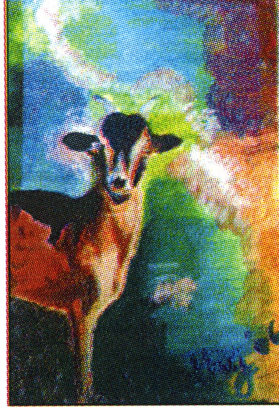


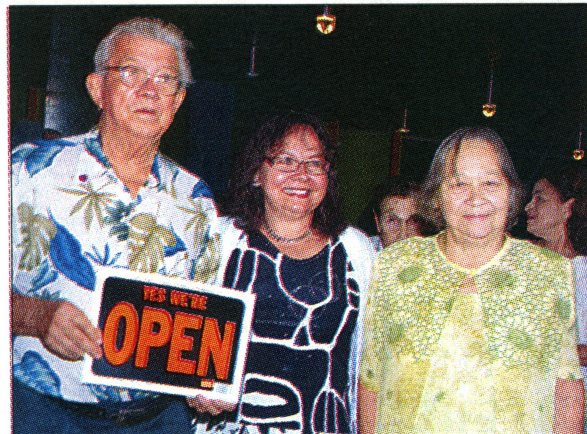
New exposition by artist Ruthy Vrieswijk opens at Aruba's National Library.



Ruthy, at right, helping in the baptism of the foundation.



Goat watercolor



Effecting the official opening with her parents.

Poet, artist and community activist Ruthy Vrieswijk is a beloved member of the Women's Club of Aruba, Scouting Aruba and countless other organizations to which she lends her time and energy. Many were present for the opening of her newest exposition of art work at the Aruba's National Library, BNA, located on George Madurostraat in Oranjestad, last evening.

A lengthy opening program included musical per-

formances by many of her friends and admirers, as well as the "baptism" of a new foundation dedicated to education of individuals with communication handicaps, such as autism. "Fundacion Sifiami Paso pa Paso Aruba," (Teach me Step by Step Foundation) was founded by Marina and Piet Harsveld, and as "Madrina" and "Padrino" of FSPPA, were lead by Ruthy through a theatrical and entertaining inauguration of its work to the public.

Poetry by Ruthy, also known as "Lady Ruth," followed, with the good natured participation by some good friends as they danced to the singing of noted vocalist Angela Croes in a grand final before the doors of the exposition room were opened. Joining Ruthy in the official ceremony were her parents, Lucas and Mercedes Bergen.

Over three dozen new works of oil, acrylics and watercolors, many of them already sold, are on display during library hours until October 28. Along with the artwork are some samples of Ruthy's poetry. Her work has been selected for publication in U.S. poetry reviews, and she is a regular contributor to THE NEWS. The artist will frequently be present to discuss her work, much of which is quite abstract, along with a few acrylics depicting island nature.